(b) if so, the decision taken thereon; and

(c) whether Government are considering to grant such exemption in respect of State's request ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal of Government of Gujarat was not acceded to.

(c) No, Sir.

Allocation of funds to Assam for road projects

3926. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of SUREACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) The details of funds allocated to Assam Government for construction of roads during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the details of achievements in respect of road projects as reported by the State Government during this period; and

(c) Whether Government have allocated funds in the Ninth Five Year plan and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN) : (a) The funds allocated to Assam Government for construction of roads during the last five years are as under:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Amount allocated
1995-96	1650.00
1996-97	1212.00
1997-98	1821.00
1998-99	2600.00
1999-2000	4186.83

(b) The details of achievements in respect of road projects as reported by the State Government during the last five years are as under:

Achievement head	financial Year				
	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Widening to 2-lanes (Km)	4.84	2.00[v]	0.04	0.47	5.00
Strengthening (Km)	19.86	76.00	4.33	10.08	30.00
Minor Bridges (Nos)	0.00	7.00	2.00	0.00	1.00
Improvement of low grade section/ riding quality(Km)				15.62	79.00

(c) The funds allocated to Assam Government for construction of roads during the Ninth Five Year Plan are as under :—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Amount allocated
1997-98	1821.00
1998-99	2600.00
1999-2000	4186.83
2000-2001	4000.00 (Subject to the budget being passed by the Parliament)

Hindi Training Programme

†3927. SHRI BALKAVIBAIRAGI : Will the Minister of SUREACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) The number of such typists and stenographers under his Ministry/ Department and subordinate offices who have not taken training in Hindi typing and stenography so far;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.